# H. R. 4195

### IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 12, 2005

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

## AN ACT

To authorize early repayment of obligations to the Bureau of Reclamation within Rogue River Valley Irrigation District or within Medford Irrigation District.

- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

#### 1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

- This Act may be cited as the "Southern Oregon Bu-
- 3 reau of Reclamation Repayment Act of 2005".

#### 4 SEC. 2. EARLY REPAYMENT.

- 5 Notwithstanding the provisions of section 213 of the
- 6 Reclamation Reform Act of 1982 (43 U.S.C. 390mm), any
- 7 landowner within Rogue River Valley Irrigation District
- 8 or within Medford Irrigation District, in Oregon, may
- 9 repay, at any time, the construction costs of the project
- 10 facilities allocated to that landowner's lands within the
- 11 district in question. Upon discharge, in full, of the obliga-
- 12 tion for repayment of the construction costs allocated to
- 13 all lands the landowner owns in the district in question,
- 14 those lands shall not be subject to the ownership and full-
- 15 cost pricing limitations of the Act of June 17, 1902 (43
- 16 U.S.C. 371 et seq.), and Acts supplemental to and amend-
- 17 atory of that Act, including the Reclamation Reform Act
- 18 of 1982 (43 U.S.C. 390aa et seq.).

#### 19 SEC. 3. LIMITATION.

- Nothing herein modifies contractual rights that may
- 21 exist between Rogue River Valley Irrigation District and
- 22 Medford Irrigation District and the United States under
- 23 their respective Reclamation contracts, or amends or re-
- 24 opens those contracts; nor does it modify any rights, obli-
- 25 gations or relationships that may exist between the dis-

- 1 tricts and their landowners as may be provided or gov-
- 2 erned by Oregon State law.

#### 3 SEC. 4. CERTIFICATION.

- 4 Upon the request of a landowner who has repaid, in
- 5 full, the construction costs of the project facilities allo-
- 6 cated to that landowner's lands owned within the district,
- 7 the Secretary of the Interior shall provide the certification
- 8 provided for in subsection (b)(1) of section 213 of the Rec-
- 9 lamation Reform Act of 1982 (43 U.S.C. 390mm(b)(1)).

Passed the House of Representatives December 6, 2005.

Attest: KAREN L. HAAS,

Clerk.